



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON  
DISABILITIES**

**500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374A  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

**Wednesday, December 21, 2011**

**1:00 PM**

AUDIO LINK FOR ENTIRE MEETING. (11-5570)

**Attachments:**    [AUDIO](#)

Call to Order. (11-5474)

**The meeting was called to Order by President John Troost at 1:11 p.m.**

**Present:**            President Troost, Vice President Neal, 2nd Vice President James, Treasurer Weller, Commissioner Colley, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Reitnouer and Commissioner Teran

**Excused:**          Commissioner Chang, Commissioner Gureckas, Commissioner Mustelier-Parrish, Commissioner Welt Narro and Commissioner Wright

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

1.    Approval of Minutes from meeting of November 16, 2011. (11-5464)

**On motion of Commissioner Neal, seconded by Commissioner James, this item was approved with the following vote:**

**Ayes:**    6 -    President Troost, Vice President Neal, 2nd Vice President James, Commissioner Colley, Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Reitnouer

**Abstentions:**    1 -    Treasurer Weller

**Absent:**    1 -    Commissioner Teran

**Excused:**    5 -    Commissioner Chang, Commissioner Gureckas, Commissioner Mustelier-Parrish, Commissioner Welt Narro and Commissioner Wright

**Attachments:**    [SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS](#)

2. Discussion and approval of the 2012 Meeting Calendar. (11-5140)

**On motion of Commissioner Colley, and by Common Consent (Commissioner Teran being absent) this item was approved.**

**Attachments:**    [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

## **II. SET ITEM**

3. SET ITEM 1:30 P.M.

Presentation by Ben Wong, Public Affairs, Southern California Edison. (11-5528)

**By Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was continued without discussion.**

## **III. REPORTS**

4. President's report as submitted for the month of November and closing statement for the year. (11-5518)

**President Troost did not have a report to submit but stated he was looking forward to the coming year.**

**Therefore, no action was taken by the Commission.**

5. Staff report on addition of audio recordings to Statement of Proceedings and the new parking procedures. (11-5470)

**Rhonda Rangel, Staff, Commission Services reported:**

- 1. As part of the Executive Office's continued efforts to provide technology driven services, the Statement of Proceedings will now include a link to the meeting audio file; and**
- 2. Clarified the new Commissioner Card Parking Permit process. Commissioners were asked to contact staff of any problems they encounter during this new process.**

**After discussion, by Common Consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.**

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6. Year end financial report presented by the Treasurer. (11-5472)

**Commissioner Weller submitted the Treasurer's overview report as of November 1, 2011.**

**After discussion, and on motion of Commissioner Neal, seconded by Commissioner James, this item was received and filed.**

**Attachments:**    [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

7. Events Committee Report for the month of December. (11-5471)

**Commissioner Neal gave a brief report of the Events Committee meeting held December 14, 2011.**

**After discussion, by Common Consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.**

**Attachments:**    [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

8. Report by Chip Hazen, ADA Compliance Administrator for Los Angeles County Transportation Authority (METRO). (11-5477)

**Mr. Hazen outlined Metro's current rail line program projects and their estimated completion dates. He also introduced Ruby Arellano, an Intern Analyst who will assist with the Metro design the rail line program and keep track of all the different things that Metro is doing.**

**Daniel Garcia addressed the Commission and questioned Mr. Hazen about the number of elevators to be provided within the rail line program projects.**

**Mr. Hazen responded to Mr. Garcia and questions posed by the Commission.**

**After discussion, by Common Consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.**

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9. Monthly report by Louis Burns of Access Services. (11-5519)

**Mr. Burns gave a verbal report on the TAP Card program, addressing the following:**

- **The Tap Card Program has been updated to allow customers the option of contacting Access Services upon receipt of their Tap Card.**
- **Access Services is working on addressing problems with defective cards and the inability to use the Tap Card for Metro transportation. The goal is to have the customer contact Access, who will then provide customers the next available Access Services vehicle. Customers will have an option to pay the regular fare, utilizing cash; those customers will then receive a complimentary coupon or coupons for their inconvenience with respect to the Tap Card.**
- **There have been 57 issues submitted through the Customer Service Center regarding Tap Card. Many of the issues were due to defective and replacement of Tap Cards.**

**Daniel Garcia addressed the Commission. Mr. Burns responded Mr. Garcia and questions posed by the Commission. In addition, Mr. Burns thanked the Commission for all their input regarding the Tap Card Program.**

**After discussion, by Common Consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.**

10. Report on Access Board meeting attended by Kurt Hagen, Commission on Disabilities appointed Access Board representative. (11-5516)

**Mr. Hagen did not have a report to submit since there was no November meeting of the Access Board. Therefore there was no discussion or action taken by the Commission.**

**IV. DISCUSSION**

11. Discussion to revise the appointing procedures and duties of the Access Services, Inc., Board of Directors - Commission on Disabilities Representative. (Continued from the meetings of 09/21/11 and 11/16/11.) (11-4159)

**Ms. Rangel noted the application has had no substantive change since its adoption in 1997. From the last meeting, she has received recommendations from Vice President Neal only. Those proposed changes are highlighted throughout the document. County Counsel has also suggested some language within the last section regarding, termination, resignation, death or removal.**

**During discussion, Commissioner Colley made the following initial suggestions:**

- 1. Request County Counsel to explore changing the word “shall” throughout the document to “may”.**
- 2. Requested the Commissioners to carefully review at anything within the document that is very directive and submit changes to allow the Commission sufficient flexibility.**
- 3. Consideration to have an “Ad-Hoc” selection committee of six members maximum.**

**Commissioners were asked to review the document and submit their changes, comments or questions to staff by January 9, 2012.**

**Commissioner Colley's aforementioned suggestions and additional suggestions submitted will be noted for inclusion and final approval at the next meeting.**

**Therefore, by Common Consent, there being no objection, the item was discussed and continued to the meeting of January 18, 2011.**

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**V. MISCELLANEOUS****12. Commissioner announcements. (11-5476)**

**Commissioner Neal announced she was the Grand Marshall at the Westchester Christmas Parade held December 11, 2011. She invited interested Commissioners to join her in participating with next year's Christmas Parade. She also asked for support with the AIDS/LifeCycle. Her niece will be participating in this event which will be a 545-mile bicycle ride from San Francisco to Los Angeles.**

**Commissioner Edward Colley announced he was a speaker for Santa Clarita Valley's celebration of Veteran's Day. He was able to speak briefly before the Land of the Free Foundation and accepted a check for \$150,000 on behalf of the Assistance for Survivors Organization that helps out Gold Star families. Lastly, he announced he would be running for City Council for the City of Santa Clarita.**

**After discussion, no action taken by the Commission.**

**Matters Not Posted**

**13. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Committee, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (11-4822)**

**No matters were posted.**

**Public Comment**

**14. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (11-5469)**

**Daniel Garcia addressed the Commission regarding a letter of concern to cities throughout Los Angeles County on their Emergency Plan.**

**Adjournment**

**15. Adjournment for the meeting of December 21, 2011. (11-5473)**

**On motion of Commissioner Weller, seconded by Commissioner Miller, unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.**